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DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

NEW ZEALAND DEPLOYMENT - CACHE SEARCH AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT

In cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), the County of Los Angeles Fire Department participated in providing urban search and rescue services in the days immediately following the February 21, 2011, Christchurch, New Zealand, earthquake.

To ensure continuity and ongoing support to the relief and recovery operations in New Zealand, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, in direct support of USAID/OFDA, has pledged to keep in place critically needed logistics and technical search and rescue equipment from our search and rescue equipment cache. The estimated value of this equipment is \$405,000. Replacement of cache items will be funded by USAID Cooperative Agreement DFD-A-00-10-00039-00.

Actions of this nature, supported by USAID/OFDA, are standard practice following disasters where aid has been provided. California Task Force 2 (CA-TF2) remains capable and ready to deploy should a request be received for a local, domestic, or international USAR team response. The estimated time to replace transferred equipment is approximately four to six months.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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